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Sir:

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Copies of the other documents are submitted herewith.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, *inter alia*, in the English language abstracts attached thereto and/or in the specification where they are cited. Also, the concise explanation of relevance for JP 2000-251665 and JP 11-187900 may be found, respectively, in related U.S. Patent Nos. 6,579,139 B1 and 6,476,215 B1.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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		5,365,563	11/15/94	Kira et al.	378	48	
		6,579,139 B1	06/17/03	Mishima et al.	445	24	
		6,476,215 B1	11/05/02	Okamoto et al.	536	25.3	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	JP	2000-251665	09/14/00	Japan			Abstract
	JP	11-187900	07/13/99	Japan			Abstract
	JP	4-361055	12/14/92	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Paolo Lazzeri et al., "Use of Spin-Coated TXRF Reference Samples for ToF-SIMS Metal Contaminant Quantification on Silicon Wafers," 29 Surf. Interface Anal. 798-803 (2000).

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